Allied Plan Wins on Somme, According to British Generals

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Russian and Italian Successes and Balkan Attack by Keeping Best Teuton Troops Occupied, Correspondent

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ON THE SOMME FRONT, Aug. 5.—After inspecting the positions on the Somme and discussing the situation with staff officers of the allied armies, I have gathered that the first phase of the off the allied armies, I have gathered that the first phase of the stream have succeeded in persuadation of the situation and of the results achieved in the tremendous battle as seen from this side, I have drawn the videspread German claims that the allies have failed and that the erman armies, by preventing a "break-through" here, have went the heart about the Somme of English army great victory.

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prevented a German offensive in Russia which might conceivably have had disastrous results for the armies

Paved Way in Balkans

It has paved the way for an allied tack in the Balkans. The Anglo-rench and Serbian armies have French and Serbian armies have moved against the Bulgarians from their base at Salonica, and, if the censor will allow me to say so, it is an open secret in military circles that troops of other nations will take part in this movement, whose primary motive is perhaps the wish to influence Rumania. The spectacle of the soldiery of half a dozen nations advancing against one small, weak power is also expected to terrify the Bulgarians and possibly persuade Greece to join the war on the side of the entente. How is the Somme offensive connected with this? Because it keeps in the west German troops whose presence was promised offensive connected with this? Because it keeps in the west German troops whose presence was promised in the Balkans in case of danger, and because the haraxsed Austrians, deprived of German help against the Russians are unable to send the men to Macedonia to help the Bulgarians whose dispatch was promised last winter. It has always been understood in France that the apparent disappearance of Field Marshal Von Mackensen, second only to Hindenburg in German esteem, is explained by his presence in the Balkans ready to command the Teutonic allies when the move from Salonica begins. If the report that he has been or will be brought to the Somme is true, the allies in Picardy ave removed another obstacle from the path of Sarrail's polygiot army in the Balkans. It has, finally and most important of all, depleted the German reserves of men, guns and shells and brought nearer the final day when, British and French strategists believe, the German lines, west or east, through deficiency of men or numitions—it matters not where or why—will crack. Then, and then only, will come the "big drive" of which the allies dream. But that will not happen this year, and since the failure of the ailled attacks last autumn pen this year, and since the failure of the ailled attacks last autumn there has been no hope in French, British or Russian headquarters that it would happen this year.

Will Finally Win.

So much the offensive on the Somme has accomplished, British officers tell me. They are very modest about it; they realize that openly, officially to make the claims I have set down would lay them open to the charge of bragging, of depreciating the efforts made by their allies; when they say these things they beg you not to forget, not to imagine that they forget, that England has done the smallest part of the work on land, that the resistance of France and Russia has been beyond praise,

Only Generalities.

But I have received permission, trovided I keep to generalities, to give the point of view of the British army regarding the present campaign, and to show why, so far as it has gone, it has accomplished what was expected of it, despite the great losses suffered, the great number of shells fired, and the comparatively small amount of ground captured. The losses speaking roughly, can hardly be less than 250,000 for the British and French, as against from one-third to one-half that number for the Germans; based on official figures for two weeks of fighting, an estimate puerile to examine minutely the small territorial changes resulting on this front from the great clash here. I have examined the scene of the great-

that our plan to break through and turn to the north and roll the Ger-man armies into the sea has failed, they are talking nonsense, and know they are talking nonsense. The unfor-

here also took into consideration the the Somme, the thing that makes it Russian attack which succeeded so stand out from all other battles, even

see at Verdun began to grow, that
Germany was hastening things there
in order to rush men and guns to the
cast and deal a terrible counter-blow
that should break the Russian lines
as soon as possible after Verdun had
fallen. It was our job to prevent
that. The date we chose, July 1,
gave the Germans time to transfer
some men and guns to the east which
they had to bring back against us,
and to that extent embarrassed them
more than if they had brought them
from Verdun straight here.

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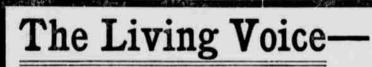
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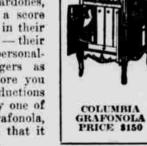
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